5408 VAN HORN DR.



BUILDING AND STANDARDS BOARD AGENDA ITEM <u>#6</u> FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2014

CITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUILDING SAFETY DIVISION

MEMORANDUM July 14, 2014

TO: The Honorable Chairman and Board Members

THROUGH: Victor Morrison-Vega, Deputy Director, City Development Department

FROM: Ron Roth, C.B.O., Deputy Building Official

SUBJECT: 5408 Van Horn Drive, El Paso, Texas, 79924

The following is a brief chronology of the investigation of the referenced location:

- 1) First investigated on February 13th 2012. Recently investigated on April 14, 2014, June 11, 2014 and July 10, 2014. This single family dwelling was built on or about 1984, constructed of wood with brick veneer and a wood framed roof structure. The property was found open, abandoned and accessible to unwanted visitors. The structure is in an advanced state of disrepair due to lack of maintenance and exposure to the elements. There is also trash and debris accumulation inside the abandoned structure and throughout the property. Police have attended residence on multiple occasions in an effort to maintain it free of unwanted entry.
- 2) A certified condemnation letter was mailed to Felix L. Losada A/K/A Felix Losada, 5408 Van Horn Dr. El Paso, TX 79924.
- 3) Certified notices of the public hearing scheduled for July 30, 2014, were mailed to the owners and all interested parties on July 10, 2014.
- 4) As of July 10, 2014, \$4,113.10 is owed in taxes.

The owners have been notified of the property violations at this property. To date there has been no response or corrective action taken, and therefore the Department recommends that it be found:

- 1) That the structure be condemned as substandard, and unfit for habitation or use and a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare; and
- 2) That the structure is not in substantial compliance with the municipal ordinances regulating fire protection, structural integrity, and disposal of refuse; and
- 3) That the structure's certificate of occupancy be revoked; and
- 4) That the structure can be rehabilitated; and
- 5) That the structure be secured and maintained secure within thirty (30) days; and
- 6) That the premises be cleaned and maintained clean of all weeds, trash, and debris within 30 days; and
- 7) That upon failure by the owners or any other interested party to comply with the order of the Building and Standards Commission the City may take whatever action is necessary to bring the property into compliance, and place a lien on the property for the work which will be done by the City.

Code Compliance Division MAY 1, 2014 NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Losada Felix L 5408 Van Horn Dr. El Paso, TX

> Re: 5408 Van Horn Dr. Blk: 19 Sarah Anne Park #2

Lot: 3 Zoned: R - 3

Case Number ENHS13-00786 91 7199 9991 7030 7756 1824

To All Owners, Lienholders, and Mortgagees:

An inspection at the above referenced address has revealed that the structure is in violation of the El Paso Municipal Code, Chapter 18.50, Property Maintenance Code, which states:

18.50.108.1 General.

When a structure or equipment is found by the Director to be unsafe, or when a structure is found unfit for human occupancy, or is found unlawful, such structure or equipment shall be condemned pursuant to the provisions of Title 2.38 of the Municipal Code.

The El Paso Municipal Code Chapter 18.50 International Property Maintenance Code defines unsafe structure as follows:

18.50.108.1.1 Unsafe Structures.

An unsafe structure is one that is found to be dangerous to the life, health, property or safety of the public or the occupants of the structure by not providing minimum safeguards to protect or warn occupants in the event of fire, or because such structure contains unsafe equipment or is so damaged, decayed, dilapidated, structurally unsafe or of such faulty construction or unstable foundation, that partial or complete collapse is possible

18.50.108.1.2 Unsafe Equipment

Unsafe equipment includes any boiler, heating equipment, elevator, moving stairway, electrical wiring or device, flammable liquid containers, or other equipment on the premises or within the structure that is in such disrepair or condition that such equipment is a hazard to life, health, property or safety of the public or occupants of the premises or structure.

18.50.108.1.3 Structure Unfit for Human Occupancy.

A structure is unfit for human occupancy whenever the Director finds that such structure is unsafe, unlawful or, because of the degree to which the structure is in disrepair or lacks maintenance, is unsanitary, vermin or rat infested, contains filth or contamination, or lacks ventilation, illumination, sanitary or heating facilities or other essential equipment required by

this code, or because the location of the structu.re constitutes a hazard to the occupants of the structure or to the public

The structure located at 10716 Jadestone St. is in violation of the requirements found in the following sections of the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code as adopted in the El Paso City Code, Chapter 18.50, Property Maintenance Code:

- a. All exterior property, accessory structures and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition, All accessory structures, including detached garages, fences and walls, shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair. [Sec. 302.1, 302.2, 302.3, 302.4, 302.5, 302.6, 302.7, 302.8, 302.9]
- b. The exterior of a structure shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary so as not to pose a threat to the public health, safety or welfare. [Sec. 304.1, 304.1.1 conditions 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13, 304.2, 304.3, 304.4, 304.5, 304.6, 304.7, 304.8, 304.9, 304.10, 304.11, 304.12, 304.13, 304.14, 304.15, 304.16, 304.17, 304.18]
- c. The interior of a structure and equipment therein shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and in a sanitary condition. [Sec. 305.1, 305.2, 305.3, 305.4, 305.5, 305.6]
- d. The components of a structure and equipment therein shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and in a sanitary condition. [Sec. 306.1, 306.1.1 conditions 1,2,3,4,5,6,]
- e. All *exterior property* and *premises*, and the interior of every structure, shall be free from any accumulation of *rubbish* or garbage. [Sec. 308.1, 308.2, 308.2.1, 308.2.2, 308.3.3, 308.3.1, 308.3.2]
- f. All structures shall be kept free from insect and rodent *infestation*. All structures in which insects or rodents are found shall be promptly exterminated by *approved* processes that will not be injurious to human health. After *pest elimination*, proper precautions shall be taken to prevent reinfestation. [Sec.309.1, 309.2, 309.3, 309.4, 309.5]
- g. The building must comply with the minimum criteria and conditions for light. [Sec.402.1, 402.2, 402.3]
- h. The building must comply with the minimum criteria and conditions for ventilation. [Sec.403.1, 403.2, 403.3, 403.4, 403.5]
- i. The requirement for Privacy, minimum room dimensions, prohibited occupancy or food preparation spaces not met. [Sec.404.1, 404.2, 404.3, 404.4, 404.5, 404.6, 404.7]
- j. The building must comply with the minimum criteria of the provisions for required facilities. [Sec. 502.1, 502.2, 502.3, 502.4,502.4.1, 502.5]
- k. The building must comply with the minimum criteria of the provisions for toilet rooms. [Sec. 503.1, 503.2, 503.3, 503.4]

- I. The building must comply with the minimum criteria of the provisions for plumbing systems and fixtures. [Sec. 504.1, 504.2, 504.3]
- m. The building must comply with the minimum criteria of the provisions for water systems. [Sec. 505.1, 505.2, 505.3, 505.4]
- n. The building must comply with the minimum criteria of the provisions for sanitary drainage systems. [Sec.506.1, 506.2, 506.3]
- o. The drainage of roofs and paved areas, *yards* and courts, and other open areas on the *premises* shall not be discharged in a manner that creates a public nuisance. [Sec. 507.1]
- p. The building must comply with the minimum criteria of the provisions for heating facilities. [Sec. 602.2, 602.3, 602.4, 602.5]
- q. All mechanical equipment and fireplaces shall be properly installed and maintained. [Sec.603.1, 603.2, 603.3, 603.4, 603.5, 603.6]
- r. The building must comply with the minimum criteria of the provisions for electrical facilities. [Sec. 604.1,604.2, 604.3, 604.3.1, 604.3.1.1, 604.3.2, 604.3.2.1]
- s. All electrical equipment, wiring and appliances shall be properly installed and maintained in a safe and *approved* manner. [Sec. 605.1, 605.2, 605.3]
- t. Duct systems shall be maintained free of obstructions and shall be capable of performing the required function. [Sec. 607.1]
- u. Means of egress & Emergency escape opening A safe, continuous and unobstructed path of travel has not been provided from all points in the building or structure to the *public way*. [Sec. 702.1, 702.2, 702.3, 702.4]
- v. The required fire-resistance rating of fire-resistance-rated walls, fire stops, shaft enclosures, partitions and floors shall be maintained. [Sec. 703.1, 703.2]
- w. All systems, devices and equipment to detect a fire, actuate an alarm, or suppress or control a fire or any combination thereof shall be maintained in an operable condition at all times. [Sec. 704.1, 704.1.1, 704.2, 704.3, 704.4]
- x. The structure needs to be secured from unwanted entry and ongoing vandalism, and the premises need to be cleaned of all trash and debris within (30) days from receipt of this letter. [Sec. 108.2]

y. The repairs to the structural elements and/or service systems referred to in the previous sections must be completed within <u>30</u> days of your receipt of this letter. If, due to the scope and complexity of the work more time is needed, you must make this request to the Environmental Services Department, Code Compliance Division.

As a result of the aforementioned violations, the following action may be taken:

- a. This case is being submitted to the City Building and Standards Commission for unsafe structures proceedings. The Building and Standards Commission will decide if the structure is unsafe and if it should be vacated and secured, or demolished as per Title 2.38 of the El Paso Municipal Code.
- b. By authority of Chapter 18.02.103.10.3.3 of the El Paso Municipal Code the electrical service at this property may be disconnected at the request of the Environmental Services Department, Code Compliance Division because of Electrical Code violations.

Many of these corrections will require a permit. Permits for commercial or rental property must be taken out by a bonded and insured contractor who is registered with the City of El Paso.

According to the real property records of El Paso County, you own the real property described in this notice. If you no longer own the property, you must execute an affidavit stating that you no longer own the property and stating the name and last known address of the person who acquired the property from you. The affidavit must be delivered in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Code Compliance Division office, 7969 San Paulo Dr., El Paso, Texas, 79907, no later than the 20th day after the date you receive this notice. If you do not send the affidavit, it will be presumed that you own the property described in this notice, even if you do not.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 599-6290.

Alexandro Esparza Building Inspector

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To all interested parties:

The owners, mortgagee, lien holders and any others with a legal interest in the property described below are hereby ordered to appear before the Building and Standards Commission, herein after referred to as the "Commission", at the following time and place:

<u>LOCATION:</u> El Paso City Hall, City Council Chamber, 300 N. Campbell, 1st Floor, El Paso, Texas 79901

DATE: July 30, 2014

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PROPERTY: 5408 Van Horn Dr., Lot 3, Block 19, SARAH ANNE PARK UNIT 2, an addition to the City of EL Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Volume 41, Pages 4, 4A and 4B, Plat Records of El Paso County, Texas.

The property has been determined to be substandard based upon violations of the minimum standards of the 2009 Building Codes, adopted and incorporated in the El Paso City Code, Chapter 18, more specifically addressed below.

According to the real property records of El Paso County, and other relevant public records, Felix L. Losada A/K/A Felix Losada, 5408 Van Horn Dr., El Paso, Texas, 79924, is the owner(s), herein after referred to as the "Owner" of the property. If you no longer own or have an interest in the property, you must execute an affidavit stating that you no longer own or have an interest in the property and stating the name and last known address of the person who acquired the property from you, if applicable. The affidavit must be delivered in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to The Building and Safety Division of the City Development Department, 801 Texas, El Paso, Texas 79901, no later than the 20th day after the date you receive this notice. If you do not execute and deliver the affidavit, it will be presumed that you own or have an interest in the property, even if you do not.

On or about April 14, 2014, an inspection of the property was conducted by the Building Safety Division and the following violations were identified:

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- v. The structure needs to be secured from unwanted entry and ongoing vandalism, and the premises need to be cleaned of all trash and debris within (30) days from receipt of this letter. [Sec. 108.2]

The owner is entitled to show cause that the property is safe, does not constitute a dangerous structure and should not be declared a nuisance and ordered abated by presenting relevant evidence and testimony. If the owner advocates for repair, then they bear the burden of proof to demonstrate the scope of any work that may be required to bring the property into compliance with Chapter 18.50 and the time it will take to reasonably perform the work. The allowable time periods for repair are governed by Texas Local Government Code, Sections 214.001(h), (i), (j) and (k). Any document relied upon to demonstrate that the property is safe or that it can be repaired must be presented to the Commission at the hearing, including building plans, specifications, drawings, or reports from professionals and any other relevant documentation.

If the owner fails to comply with the order of the Commission, the City may pursue one or more of the following actions:

Perform any and all work necessary to bring the property into compliance with the Commission's order;

Assess civil penalties, provided for in the Commission's order, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per day or \$10 per day if the Property has a homestead exemption, that will accrue interest of 10% per year until paid in full;

Appoint a receiver as permitted by state law; and

Any other remedies permitted by state law.

Commission orders may be appealed to the State District Court within 30 days of the Final order.

The Commission's authority and procedures in regard to a Dangerous Structure Hearing may be found in Chapter 2.38 of the El Paso City Code and in their duly adopted bylaws. A copy of the ordinance adopting the most current version of Chapter 2.38 is enclosed. The bylaws may be obtained at the Building Safety Division of the City Development Department, 801 Texas, El Paso, Texas 79901 or by calling (915) 212-1517.

This notice will be recorded in the real property records of El Paso County and will be binding on subsequent grantees, lien holders or other transferees of an interest in the Property.

The City Clerk is ordered to provide notice of this hearing to the record owners and all other interested parties, required by law, who are listed following this notice, and file this notice in the real property records of El Paso County.

FAILURE OF THE OWNER AND/OR LIENHOLDER OR MORTGAGEE TO TAKE THE ORDERED ACTION MAY RESULT IN THE CITY TAKING THE ORDERED ACTION AND FILING A LIEN AGAINST THE PROPERTY.

The City of El Paso appreciates your cooperation and prompt attention to remedying the nuisances on the property. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any additional questions, comments or concerns relative to this notice.

APPROVED AS TO FORM	APPROVED AS TO CONTENT
Wendi N Vineyard	Ron Roth, C.B.O.
Assistant City Attorney	Deputy Building Official

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I, RICHARDA DUFFY MOMSEN, City Clerk of the and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding to Paso, Texas was PUBLISHED in the official City not	the property located at 5409 Van Horn Dr., El
	Richarda Duffy Momsen
I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing 5409 Van Horn Dr., El Paso, Texas 79903, was MA REQUESTED to:	
Felix L. Losada A/K/A Felix Losada 5408 Van Horn Dr. El Paso, Texas 79924	
	Date:
	Time:
	Inspector:
I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing 5409 Van Horn Dr., El Paso, Texas 79903, was MA REQUESTED to:	
Curtis J. Barnes & Diane L. Barnes 9565 Dyer El Paso, Texas 79924	
	Date:
	Time:
	Inspector:

5409 Van Horn Dr., El Paso, Texas 79903, was HAND-DELIVERED to:	
City of El Paso	
C/O City Clerk	
300 N. Campbell	
El Paso, Texas 79901	Date:
	Time:
	Inspector:
	the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 903, was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT
Governor of the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo AKA Tigua Indian Community 119 S. Old Pueblo Road El Paso, Texas 79907	Indian Tribe
E11 aso, 16xas 19901	Date:
	Time:
	Inspector:
	the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 903, was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT
El Paso Central Appraisal District	
5801 Trowbridge Ave.	
El Paso, Texas 79925	Dota
	Date: Time:
	Inspector:
	Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 5409 Van Horn Dr., El Paso, Texas 79903, was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

500 E. San Antonio Avenue, Suite 105	
El Paso, Texas 79901	D.
	Date:
	Time:
	Inspector:
I certify that a true and correct copy of	the foregoing Notice regarding the property at
5409 Van Horn Dr., El Paso, Texas 799	003, was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT
REQUESTED to:	
Delgado, Acosta, Spencer	
Linebarger, Heard & Perez, LLP	
Attn: Bonnie Cooper	
221 N. Kansas Suite 1400	
El Paso, Texas 79901	
	Date:
	Time:
	Inspector:
I certify that a true and correct copy of	the foregoing Notice was POSTED at
5409 Van Horn Dr., El Paso, Texas 799	903, El Paso, Texas.
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UNSAFE STRUCTURES REPORT

BUILDING SAFETY DIVISION

DATE OF EXAMINATION: July 10, 2014 REP. DISTRICT: 4

ADDRESS: 5408 Van Horn Drive **ZONED**: R-3

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 3, Block 19, Sarah Anne Park Unit 2

OWNER: Felix L. Losada **ADDRESS:** 5408 Van Horn Dr.

A/K/A Felix Losada El Paso, TX 79924

BUILDING USE: Abandoned Single-Family Dwelling

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION: V, wood frame w/brick veneer

FOOTINGS: Concrete

CONDITION: Unable to determine condition of footing due to subterranean placement. A structural

engineer should be hired to evaluate actual condition.

FOUNDATION WALL: N/A

CONDITION: N/A

FLOOR STRUCTURE: Concrete and some carpet covering

CONDITION: A structural engineer should be hired to evaluate actual condition.

EXTERIOR WALLS: Brick veneer with wood frame

HEIGHT: 8' - 12' +/-**THICKNESS**: 4' - 8' +/-

CONDITION: Fair. A structural engineer should be hired to evaluate the structural elements of the

building and submit a report on the corrections required to make the building safe.

INTERIOR WALLS & CEILINGS: Wood framing w / gypsum board covering

CONDITION: Interior walls and ceilings have been vandalized and are water damaged due to exposure to the elements. A structural engineer should be hired to evaluate the structural elements of the building and submit a report on the corrections required to make the building safe.

ROOF STRUCTURE: Wood frame Composite Shingle roof covering.

CONDITION: Poor. The roof is dilapidated and there are parts of it exposed to the elements. A registered roofing contractor licensed in the state of Texas must be hired to evaluate the roofing system and submit a report of required corrections to bring the roof system into code compliance.

DOORS, WINDOWS, ETC.: Wood frame doors and aluminum frame windows.

CONDITION: Poor. Several windows and doors are broken. Will need to replace or repair doors and windows, so they are operational and meet egress requirements.

MEANS OF EGRESS: Does not meet code requirements.

CONDITION: Poor. Windows and doors must be replaced to make them operational.

PLUMBING: Substandard plumbing installation and fixtures. A licensed plumber should be hired to bring system up to code.

ELECTRICAL: Substandard electrical installation and fixtures: A licensed electrician should be hired to bring system up to code.

MECHANICAL: Substandard mechanical installation and equipment. A licensed mechanical contractor should be hired to bring system up to code.

IF CONDEMNED, HOW MANY PERSONS WILL BE AFFECTED: 0

WARNING POSTED: Yes BARRICADED: No POLICE AID REQD.: No

REMARKS: This single family dwelling was built on or about 1984 and found open and abandoned and in a state of disrepair. Police have attended residence on multiple occasions in an effort to maintain it free of unwanted entry. The windows and doors are broken and show signs of deterioration due to lack of maintenance. The structure should be secured within thirty (30) days. The premises should cleaned in and out of all trash, debris and weeds within thirty (30) days and be maintained clean of all weeds, trash and debris.

Alexandro Esparza **Building Inspector**

TAX REPORT

